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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

Sizmek, Inc., *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-10971 (SMB)

(Jointly Administered)

Sizmek Technologies, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ALKU Technologies , LLC,

Defendant.

Adv. No. **Refer to Summons**

**COMPLAINT TO AVOID AND RECOVER TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§  
547 AND 550 AND TO DISALLOW CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 502**

Sizmek Technologies, Inc. (the “Plaintiff”), one of the debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 case, by and through its undersigned counsel, files this complaint (the “Complaint”) to avoid and recover transfers against ALKU Technologies , LLC (the “Defendant”) and to disallow any claims held by Defendant. In support of this Complaint, Plaintiff alleges upon information and belief that:

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<sup>1</sup> Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, include: Sizmek Inc. (4624); Sizmek DSP, Inc. (2319); Point Roll, Inc. (3173); Sizmek Technologies, Inc. (6402); Wireless Artist LLC (0302); Wireless Developer, Inc. (9686); X Plus One Solutions, Inc. (8106); and X Plus Two Solutions, LLC (4914). The location of Debtors’ service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 401 Park Avenue South, Fifth Floor, New York, NY 10016.

### **NATURE OF THE CASE**

1. Plaintiff seeks to avoid and recover from Defendant, or from any other person or entity for whose benefit the transfers were made, all preferential transfers of property that occurred during the ninety (90) day period prior to the commencement of the bankruptcy case of the Debtors pursuant to sections 547 and 550 of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

2. In addition, Plaintiff seeks to disallow, pursuant to sections 502(d) and (j) of the Bankruptcy Code, any claim that Defendant has filed or asserted against the Debtors or that has been scheduled for Defendant. Plaintiff does not waive but hereby reserves all of its rights to object to any such claim for any reason, including, but not limited to, any reason set forth in sections 502(a) through (j) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This court has subject matter jurisdiction over this adversary proceeding, which arises under title 11, arises in, and relates to a case under title 11, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Court”), captioned *In re Sizmek, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 19-10971 (SMB), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334(b).

4. The statutory and legal predicates for the relief sought herein are sections 502, 547, and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 3007 and 7001 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”).

5. This adversary proceeding is a “core” proceeding to be heard and determined by the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Plaintiff consent to entry of final orders and judgment by the Court.

6. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

### **PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

7. On March 29, 2019 (the “Petition Date”), Plaintiff and its debtor affiliates (collectively, the “Debtors”) each commenced a case by filing a voluntary petition for relief in this Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

8. The Debtors’ chapter 11 cases are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).

9. On April 17, 2019, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the “U.S. Trustee”) appointed the Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”). [D.I. 73]

### **THE PARTIES**

10. The Debtors provide online advertising, campaign management, and distribution platform services for advertisers, media agencies, and publishers.

11. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 547, 550, 1106, and 1107, Plaintiff is authorized and have standing to pursue this avoidance action.

12. Upon information and belief, Defendant was, at all relevant times, a vendor or creditor that provided goods and/or services to or for Plaintiff. Upon further information and belief, at all relevant times, Defendant’s principal place of business is located at 200 Brickstone Square, Suite 503, Andover, Massachusetts 01810.

### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

13. Prior to the Petition Date, Plaintiff, as a provider of online advertising, campaign management, and distribution platform services, maintained business relationships with various

business entities and individuals, through which Plaintiff regularly purchased, sold, received, and/or delivered goods and services.

14. At the beginning of 2019, the Debtors learned that Vector Capital would not provide additional funding to them. This led to the Debtors' first lien lenders (the "First Lien Lenders") undertaking an extensive diligence process whereby the First Lien Lenders determined whether to replace the general partner of the Debtors' ultimate parent, thereby taking control. Ultimately, the First Lien Lenders opted not to take control and, instead, exercised certain remedies, including restricting the Debtors' access to their cash management accounts. All of the foregoing led to the Debtors' decision to file their bankruptcy petitions.

15. During the ninety (90) days before and including the Petition Date, that is between December 29, 2018 and March 29, 2019 (the "Preference Period"), Plaintiff continued to operate its business, including the transfer of money, either by checks, cashier checks, wire transfers, ACH transfers, direct deposits or otherwise to various entities.

16. Upon information and belief, during the course of their relationship, the Defendant and Plaintiff entered into agreements for the purchase of goods and/or services by Plaintiff from the Defendant, which are evidenced by one or more contracts, purchase orders, invoices, communications and other documents (collectively, the "Agreements"). Upon further information and belief, the Agreements concerned and related to the goods and/or services provided by Defendant to the Plaintiff. Plaintiff's payments to the Defendant pursuant to the Agreements during the Preference Period are set forth on the Statement of Account, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A. Such details include "Invoice Number," "Invoice Date," "Invoice Amount," and the "Payment Date."

17. Plaintiff is seeking to avoid all of the transfers of an interest of Plaintiff's property made by Plaintiff to Defendant within the Preference Period.

18. Plaintiff made transfer(s) of an interest of Plaintiff's property to or for the benefit of Defendant during the Preference Period through payments aggregating not less than the amount set forth on Exhibit A hereto (the "Transfer" or "Transfers"). The details of each Transfer are set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Such details include "Check Number," "Check Amount," "Check Clear Date," and "Debtor Transferor(s)."

19. During the course of this proceeding, Plaintiff may learn (through discovery or otherwise) of additional transfers made to Defendant during the Preference Period or that may be avoidable under other provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. It is Plaintiff's intention to avoid and recover all avoidable transfers of property made by the Debtors to or for the benefit of Defendant or any other transferee. Plaintiff reserves its right to amend this original Complaint to include: (i) further information regarding the Transfer(s), (ii) additional transfers, (iii) modifications of and/or revision to Defendant's name, (iv) additional defendants, and/or (v) additional causes of action, if applicable (collectively, the "Amendments"), that may become known to Plaintiff at any time during this adversary proceeding, through formal discovery or otherwise, and for the Amendments to relate back to this original Complaint.

### **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

#### **First Claim for Relief**

#### **(Avoidance of Preference Period Transfers – 11 U.S.C. § 547)**

20. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully re-alleged herein.

21. During the Preference Period, Plaintiff made the Transfers to or for the benefit of Defendant in an aggregate amount not less than the amount set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

22. Each Transfer was made from Plaintiff, and constituted a transfer of an interest in Plaintiff's property.

23. Defendant was a creditor of Plaintiff at the time of each Transfer by virtue of supplying goods and/or services to Plaintiff for which Plaintiff was obligated to pay in accordance with the Agreements. See Exhibit A.

24. Each Transfer was to or for the benefit of a creditor within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 547(b)(1) because each Transfer either reduced or fully satisfied a debt or debts then owed by Plaintiff to Defendant. See Exhibit A.

25. Each Transfer was made for, or on account of, an antecedent debt or debts owed by Plaintiff to Defendant before such Transfers were made, as asserted by Defendant and memorialized in the Agreements, each of which constituted a "debt" or "claim" (as those terms are defined in the Bankruptcy Code) of Defendant prior to being paid by Plaintiff. See Exhibit A.

26. Each Transfer was made while Plaintiff was insolvent. Plaintiff is entitled to the presumption of insolvency for each Transfer made during the Preference Period pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 547(f).

27. Each Transfer was made during the Preference Period, as set forth on Exhibit A.

28. As a result of each Transfer, Defendant received more than Defendant would have received if: (i) Plaintiff's bankruptcy case was a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) the Transfers had not been made; and (iii) Defendant received payments of its debts under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. As evidenced by Plaintiff's schedules filed in the underlying bankruptcy case as well as the proofs of claim that have been received to date, Plaintiff's liabilities exceed its assets such that Plaintiff's unsecured creditors will not receive payment of their claims in full from the Plaintiff's bankruptcy estate.

29. In accordance with the foregoing, each Transfer is avoidable pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 547(b).

**Second Claim for Relief**  
**(Recovery of Avoided Transfers – 11 U.S.C. § 550)**

30. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully re-alleged herein, to the extent they are not inconsistent with allegations contained in this Second Claim for Relief.

31. Plaintiff is entitled to avoid the Transfer(s) pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 547(b).

32. Defendant was the initial transferee of the Transfer(s) or the immediate or mediate transferee of such initial transferee or the person for whose benefit the Transfer(s) were made.

33. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 550(a), Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant the Transfer(s), plus interest thereon to the date of payment and the costs of this action.

**Third Claim for Relief**  
**(Disallowance of all Claims – 11 U.S.C. § 502(d) and (j))**

34. Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as if fully re-alleged herein.

35. Defendant is a transferee of transfers avoidable under section 547 of the Bankruptcy Code, which property is recoverable under section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code.

36. Defendant has not paid the amount of the Transfer(s), or turned over such property, for which Defendant is liable under 11 U.S.C. § 550.

37. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502(d), any and all Claims of Defendant and/or its assignee, against the Debtors' chapter 11 estate or Plaintiff must be disallowed until such time as Defendant pays to Plaintiff an amount equal to the aggregate amount of the Transfer(s), plus interest thereon and costs.

38. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502(j), any and all Claims of Defendant, and/or its assignee, against the Debtors' chapter 11 estate or Plaintiff previously allowed by Debtors or by Plaintiff,

must be reconsidered and disallowed until such time as Defendant pays to Plaintiff an amount equal to the aggregate amount of the Transfer(s).

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests that this Court grant the following relief against Defendant:

- A. On Plaintiff's First and Second Claims for Relief, judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant, avoiding all of the Transfers and directing Defendant to return to Plaintiff the amount of the Transfers, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 547(b) and 550(a), plus interest from the date of demand at the maximum legal rate and to the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, together with the costs and expenses of this action including, without limitation, attorneys' fees;
- B. On Plaintiff's Third Claim for Relief, judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against Defendant disallowing any claims held or filed by Defendant against the Plaintiff until Defendant returns the Transfers to Plaintiff pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 502(d) and (j); and
- C. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

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